

## **PE1179/CC**

### **Glasgow City Council Response to Public Petition PE1179 re Acquired Brain Injury Social Care Services**

#### **Context**

Glasgow City produced a joint Acquired Brain Injury Strategic Framework (2005 -2014) for health and social care services. Published in 2005, its stated vision is as follows:

“To provide a comprehensive network of accessible services, which will maximise quality of life and independence for people with ABI and to promote a client centred approach, involving people with ABI and their carers in decision making and planning of services.”

Four key priorities were identified:

- Establish a comprehensive network of services
- Ensure services are effective
- Encourage inclusiveness
- Promote preventative measures

#### **Current Service Provision**

The Gartnavel Royal Infirmary (GRI) and Southern General Hospital Head Injury Teams provide information, throughcare, support and advice to patients admitted to hospital with a head injury. The services also include a service to carers of individuals with a head injury. Services include initial assessment, comprehensive assessment and care management. The support may be in the form of counselling, benefit maximisation, identifying and securing activities, employment advice, educational support etc. Fundamental to this is providing information on how a particular head injury may inhibit ones ability to cope in certain circumstances (e.g. employment, educational services).

If an individual requires a care package or placement into supported accommodation, or care home, a comprehensive assessment will be embarked upon, eliciting the views of the family/ carer and multi disciplinary team. These hospital based services will then secure an appropriate resource. Once a person is placed, the projects continue to care manage the individual until a case review is held.

The care management of individuals discharged home from hospital includes; ensuring they have an appropriate care package and that neurological rehab referrals have been made. Referrals may also be made to employment support networks and social groups such as Momentum, Headway etc.

Glasgow City Council Social Work Services also provides or purchases services for 60 individuals with ABI in care home and supported living settings.

## **Future direction of services**

The ABI Strategic Framework and its implementation are now being reviewed as part of the work of the recently established Glasgow City Joint Disability Planning and Implementation Group. This work will be taken forward in the context of the personalisation policy, which Glasgow City Council is rolling out within Adult Services.

In addition, GCC recently held a development session which highlighted the following:

- A needs analysis requires to be undertaken of individuals with an acquired brain injury and a review of the service user pathway.
- There is a need to review the support to those individuals in care homes with ABI re identifying and supporting those who have been inappropriately placed, including those who were referred from hospitals.
- The need to develop alternatives for those individuals in care homes whose needs could be met in the community, with a particular emphasis on young people in care homes.

## **Conclusion**

Glasgow City Council supports the separate categorisation of ABI for the purposes of data collection as this would assist us to identify the resource that we spend on ABI services for planning purposes. However, as everyone with an ABI is an individual with a unique set of circumstances, our aim is to have more people with ABI being supported to live in the community using personalised approaches and developing Outcomes Based Support Plans tailored to the individuals' needs. We believe this would provide greatest flexibility, choice and control for those individuals with ABI.